



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Pre Application of:) Group Art Unit: 3626
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 Ashford, et al.) Examiner: Natalie A. Pass
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 Application No.: 09/648,582)
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 Filing Date: August 25, 2000)
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 For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR)
 PROVIDING INCENTIVES TO)
 PHYSICIANS)
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE
TO OFFICE ACTION**

MAIL STOP FEE AMENDMENT
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 16, 2004, Applicants submit this Amendment and Response. As a preliminary matter, applicants thank the Examiner for a thorough search.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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